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'Men in Black' among the top summer hits.

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PUC showcased for ShowBase

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Staff Writer

Purdue University Calumet was showcased on the television program "Technology Today" on CNBC June 28. The story focused on ShowBase, a new computer software program which PUC utilizes to provide students easy access to scholarship information and course listings.

ShowBase is a product from the company ShowBase Media Inc. According to Tony Gunia, Financial Aid System Specialist, "ShowBase takes an existing database in any standard format and converts it to an indexed Web database," which makes information more accessible to students. In November 1996, the Office of Financial Aid published the PUC Scholarship Database on the World Wide Web.

Before ShowBase, according to Gunia, students could review scholarship information only in a big black binder in the Office of Financial Aid and only during the office's regular business hours. Gunia said that now students are able to access scholarship information and scholarship applications via the Web, "seven days a week, 24 hours a day."

Likewise, the Office of the Registrar used ShowBase to publish an indexed version of PUC's course schedule last spring, according to Anne Agosto-Severa, registration specialist. Students are now able to look up course listings on campus or off campus on the Web.

"The ShowBase product empowers students to do more on their own" Said Paul McGuinness, Director of Admissions and Recruitment. According to McGuinness, Scholarship database course listings on the Web is just the beginning. He believes the future will be a "cyber-enrollment center," because ShowBase has the potential to provide extended services to students. "Also," Gunia said, "the Enrollment Services Offices will soon begin using another product from ShowBase Media Inc. called ShowBase Forms to process and question and comment forms on the Web."

Additionally, Gunia said both the Office of the Registrar and Office of Financial Aid have upgraded to ShowBase Extra, which can display instructions and search information in seven different languages.

Sex survey says: College is the time to experiment

CHICAGO (CPS)—Inside the Bourgeois Pig Cafe, the hiss of an espresso machine interrupts quiet conversation. Midmorning is a slow time, but at night, the vintage coffeehouse fills with college students from nearby DePaul University.

College students looking for love, that is.

"There's a couple who come in. They used to sit on separate sides of the room, and I used to see them moving closer and closer together," says Suellen Hoiles, a DePaul sophomore who has worked at the cafe for four months. "And now, they're dating."

For DePaul students, the coffeehouse is "definitely" a social scene, a place where introductions occur with frequency and flirting often extends until midnight, which is closing time, according to Hoiles. "It's totally like a bar, but it's not, because it's a coffee place," she says. "But it's got the same kind of charisma and energy."

Whether they hang out at a jazzy coffeehouse, a push-and-shove fraternity party or a solemn library, college students have latched on to an interesting discovery. The college years are

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One cadet prepared to greet women at VMI

158-year-old all-male institution ready for 30 new female cadets this fall

HIWASSEE, Va (CPS)—As the appointed media relations cadet at Virginia Military Institute, when Tom Warburton talks this fall, the world will hear him.

But it's not the world he's worried about.

"Anything I say, my mom's going to see it that night on the news," said the senior from Pulaski.

It's a lot of pressure for 21-year-old Warburton, representing a 158-year-old institution before the national media, but he's handled himself well so far. When MTV's leggy, redheaded reporter, Tabatha Soren, drew hoots and whistles from cadets hanging out of barracks windows during a visit in April, she asked Warburton if the behavior was an indication of what it will be like when female cadets arrive this fall. Without hesitation, Warburton said, "I think it's an indication of celebrity."

Soren asked if all the yelling and screaming and push-ups during VMI's training period would masculinize the female cadets.

"All those things you just said," Warburton responded, "cheerleaders do."

"I have no qualms about Tom handling himself," said VMI Public Relations Director Col. Mike Strickler. "He's extremely intelligent and he speaks well, and he's got a little edge to him. He's savvy, but he can be a little tough."

Warburton's "edge" goes back a long way, apparently. As a kid, he said, he was "a little hell-raiser, always biting people."

His father, Pulaski, Va., Public Defender David Warburton, said that, of his six children, Tom, the eldest, is the only one who could have found a home at VMI.

When Tom was 2, the family lived in Lexington, Va., so David Warburton could attend law school at Washington and Lee University. The Warburtons would take their first son to watch the parades at VMI on Fridays.

Later, when Tom was about to graduate from high school, his dad took him to visit the university campus. While there, they walked next door to VMI. "I fell in love with the place," Tom Warburton said. "Not the buildings, but the values."

The values at VMI aren't so different from the ones he learned as a Boy Scout, he said. The same values are spelled out on signs leading to Camp Powhatan in Hiwassee, where Warburton spends his summers: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, courteous, helpful," and so on.

Working at the camp is a nice decompression period before the expected onslaught this fall.

The hard part, come Aug. 18 when the first women matriculate, will be "dealing with people who already have a preformed opinion," Warburton figured. "They're going to ask questions with just the right twist."

This job hones his "thinking-on-my-feet skills," which will help when he heads to law school next year. He also serves as an honor court prosecutor at VMI. Along with just about everybody else at VMI, Warburton worries "some rogue element" in the corps of cadets will do something inappropriate involving one of the women.

The trick will be to handle a problem responsibly when it happens, he said. He recognizes there will be pressure to deal with troublemakers quickly.

"One guy can step out of line and make us look bad for a week or a month, but the system will overcome that quickly," Warburton said. "This is a big deal to the outside world, but to us, we have to keep our eyes on what's real."

Project comes to full bloom

No, that's not just weeds you're seeing in Founder's Plaza this fall. The wildflower project is underway in Founders Plaza. Various beds are being planted with native flowers to help beautify the campus.

Photos by Scott Thompson

Stop looking and check the lost and found

BY MIKE STEWART
Staff Writer

Where did my sunglasses go? Hey where's my mathbook? My keys, where are my keys? Have you ever lost something and figured it has ended up in some kind of subspace junk pile. Well some items might end up in subspace but more than likely the items have found their way to Purdue University Calumet's lost and found. The lost and found is located at the information desk inside the Student Faculty Library Center.

Strange items are there waiting to be claimed by their owner. These items include a rubber dinosaur, a finger-watch, and a tool-box full of tools which has been in the lost and found for the longest period of time.

Most people think that when they lose an item on campus it's lost forever. Wright said that others believe that their lost item has been turned in for a reward. But according to Wright that's not always the case. "There are honest people," Wright said. These people bring found items to the lost and found. Wright said if you lose an item go to the lost and found and give a description of the item. The owner needs to sign a release form to get the item back.

Found items should be taken to either the SFLC Information Desk or the University Police. Hours for the lost and found are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Parking & other campus developments

Welcome back!
It was an eventful summer on campus. In this, our first Administration Update of the fall term, we'll try to update you on some noteworthy developments.

Parking

The proposal, announced late last spring, to discontinue the use of student parking permits, was approved by the Purdue Board of Trustees.

In lieu of the optional purchase of permits, Student Service fees were increased $2.25 per credit hour up to $30 per semester.

The primary reason for implementing the change is to minimize the overall hassle and ill will that resulted from issuing parking tickets for permit-related violations. There are more productive ways to use campus resources than by policing our lots to deter parking offenders.

From another public relations perspective, the new, parking practice means guests who visit our campus no longer run the risk of being ticketed for not displaying a permit.

The new practice also means students and visitors on our campus and at Purdue's two other regional campuses—at Ft. Wayne and Westville—may park their vehicles anywhere on campus except in those areas designated for permit-purchasing faculty and staff.

Parking revenue generated from the Student Service Fee increase is expected to be comparable to the amount accrued last year from permits purchased, so this decision was not driven the prospect of increasing cash flow. (In fact, students enrolled in at least six credit hours or from nine to 13 hours actually pay less to park on campus than they would have last year with the same course load.)

We realize this action may not please the small percentage of students who do not drive to campus and, hence, would not have paid to park on campus previously. But we hope this explanation helps them better understand the reason behind this new practice.

Academic restructuring

The start of this academic year commences an administrative change in the organization of our 16 undergraduate, academic departments. Instead of grouped within two schools, the departments now are administered by four schools: Engineering, Mathematics & Science, Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, Technology, and Professional Programs.

The reorganization was done to better address student needs, as well as advance programs in a more efficient manner. A more detailed explanation of the implications and significance of this change will be reported in an upcoming Administration Update.

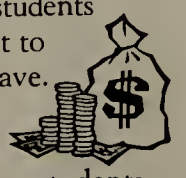
Construction update

Construction on the Classroom Office Building is progressing on schedule to be completed and occupied next fall. Once we move into the new structure, we will embark on a two-year, asbestos-abatement project in the Anderson Building.

Anderson would be closed during that time, with classrooms, labs and offices moved elsewhere.

In the meantime, please be advised that Anderson remains safe for occupancy and that air quality within the building will continue to be monitored regularly throughout this academic year.

More dollars for scholars



Five short years ago, Purdue Calumet awarded students some $50,000 in merit scholarships. We sought to increase that amount substantially—and we have. In fact, thanks to some aggressive, targeted fundraising efforts, spearheaded by Vice Chancellor for Advancement Gary Edwards, our students are receiving nearly $500,000 in merit scholarships during 1997-98.

At a glance

around campus

Go greek with Theta Phi Alpha

Theta Phi Alpha Sorority is holding its Fall Rush. The sisters are looking for ladies interested in sisterhood, philanthropic activities, social functions and a whole lot more! For more information please contact Rush Chair Stacy at 989-9896 or Michele in the Student Activities Office. The sisters of Theta Phi Alpha would like to invite you to attend our Rush parties on: Aug. 27 and 29 at 3 p.m. in SFLC-321, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. in SFLC-321 and Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. in SFLC-315.

PUC Organizational Fair

Come to the Organizational Fair and find out how to join and learn more about the sixty-two student organizations on campus. There will be free food and games. The Organizational Fair will be in the Physical education and Recreation Building Saturday, Sept. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Michelle at 989-2369 for more info.

Join the Chronicle

The Chronicle will have a general staff meeting at 6 p.m. in SFLC-324H. Anyone interested in joining the Chronicle should attend this meeting. We are looking for advertising representatives and writers for the fall semester. If you have any questions call 989-2547 and ask for Chris.

Schedules

1997 PUC Soccer Schedule (Thru Sept.)

Saturday, Aug. 30	Bethel	H	2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3	St. Joseph's	H	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 10	St. Xavier	T	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 17	Trinity	T	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	Marian (IN)	T	2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 24	Dominican	T	4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	Cardinal Stritch	H	1 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29	Fairhaven	T	4 p.m.

1997 PUC Volleyball Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 2	St. Joseph's College	H	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6	U of Ill./Springfield	T	noon and 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Olivet Nazarene	H	7:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., Sept. 12 & 13	Goshen Tourney	T	
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Kendall College	T	7 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., Sept. 19	Olivet Nazarene Invit.	T	
Tuesday, Sept. 23	College of St. Francis	H	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	Cardinal Stritch	T	
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Judson College	H	7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 1	Trinity International	T	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 7	St. Xavier University	T	7:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., Oct. 10/11	U Mich./Dearborn Tourn	T	
Tuesday, Oct. 14	Barat College	H	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 16	North Central	T	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18	North Park	T	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 21	IIT	H	7:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., Oct. 24/25	Purdue Calumet Tourney	H	TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 28	Rosary College	H	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30	Bethel College	T	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 4	Trinity Christian	T	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8	IN Wesleyan University	H	TBA
Wednesday, Nov. 12	CCAC Tournament		

Quote of the week

'Saying is one thing and doing is another'

-Michel Eyquem de Montaigne
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Sex

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an ideal time not only to grasp the finer concepts of macroeconomics, but also to do some serious scamming.

"For many people, college is the first chance to explore their sexuality openly, to experiment freely without the burdens of parents, curfews and assigned labels," say Leland Elliott and Cynthia Brantley, the authors of Sex On Campus, the largest national sex survey since the 1953 Kinsey Report.

Survey key findings

- 74 percent of college students say they lost their virginity in high school or earlier; 26 percent say in college.
- 20 percent report they are virgins.
- 45 percent say they always practice safe sex.
- 5 percent say they have met a sexual partner online.
- 7 percent report having been diagnosed with an STD.

For the survey, Elliott and Brantley rounded up 20,000 current college students and asked them probing questions about sex and dating, but mostly sex.

The survey also uncovered students' feelings about marriage and divorce, who and what they fantasize about, how many have experienced unplanned pregnancies, alternative sex practices, and which qualities they find attractive in a sexual partner, among other things.

Elliott and Brantley, who compiled the findings into a book, also called Sex On Campus, conclude that the college experience is, basically, "a great opportunity to get laid."

"It's also a great opportunity to get involved in a mature relationship and, dare we say, even to fall in love," they say. "It is unlikely that you will ever be around so many people in your immediate age group again."

The problem, the survey found, is that college men and women are perplexed about the whole "dating" scene, which the authors note is also called "scamming" or "macking." For instance, college men were asked about the qualities they find most attractive in sex partners. Their top pick was personality, followed by beauty and brains.

When women were asked what they believed their sex partners found attractive, they said beauty, followed by a good body and breasts. Brains was much farther down the list.

"Is anybody talking to each other out there, or are they learning about each other by watching relationships on 'Baywatch' and 'Melrose Place'?" the authors ask. "No wonder people are so confused." And, in fact, students report that meeting people they actually want to date is about as easy as waking up for an 8 a.m. class after a night of Jello-shots.

Shannon Scott, a University of Miami senior, reports hearing some of the worst pick-up lines imaginable. The cheesiest she's heard to date goes like this: "Hey baby, that's a cute outfit you have on. I think it matches my carpet at home—let's go find out."

Scott says that's one reason she prefers to meet people through class projects instead of the usual campus hangouts, such as bars and fraternity parties. "You get to know them in a casual setting, and there's no alcohol involved," she says.

On the other hand, Eastern Illinois University senior Jim Graney says bars are the best place to scam a date.

"It's a laid-back setting," he explains. "It's expected to have someone come up to talk to you. It would be a little weird if you were in a store and someone came up to talk to you." What's his best pick-up line? "I'm still trying to figure that out myself," he says.

To make things easier, the Sex On Campus authors suggest a few conversation starters that, if not successful in snaring a dream date, are probably not likely to offend someone, either.

Recommended lines to be used at beer bashes, according to Elliott and Brantley, are:

"Aren't you in my English class?"

"Do you want a beer?" or "Can you show me where the beer is?"

"Does this band suck, or what?"

Always an effective opener, the authors claim, is "Hey, I'm _____. How's it going?" For something a little more creative, there's always: "I'd love to dance with you, but I think my shoes are stuck to the mung on the floor."

"Then there's always just making weird faces at people," they say. "If someone makes one back, you might have found a soul mate. No kidding." At a bar, the authors recommend positioning yourself in the route to the bathroom and waiting for the next lucky person to go by. Here's when a friend comes in handy, they say. As the person walks by, start a conversation of some sort. "What's up?" is probably too vague, so they suggest:

"We've been taking a poll. If you could order the execution of any three people, who would they be and why?" (If that sounds too creepy, the authors say an alternative would be: "If you had to be locked in a Motel 6 bathroom for the weekend with any three people, who would they be and why?")

Then, there's always the opportunity to meet someone in English Lit or Psych 101. A few lines that can be used before class, according to Elliott and Brantley:

> 'Is anybody talking to each other out there, or are they learning about each other by watching relationships on "Baywatch" and "Melrose Place"? No wonder people are so confused.'
> **Authors of 'Sex on Campus'**

"What did the professor talk about last time? I missed class."

"If I fall asleep and start to snore or drool, will you please kick me?"

"Do you think the professor was drunk last time, or what?"

Also, avoid lines that sound good only when delivered by old blues musicians, such as: "Honey, I'd drink your bathwater," "You could make a blind man see," and "Lord, have mercy."

What is Kryptonite?

BY BOB HNIDA, RN

"Look, up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Superman!" How I loved that show when I was growing up. I remember using a bath towel as a cape as I put my arms out in front of me and made this funny whistling noise as I "flew" around the house. No one could beat Superman. Even when Batman and the Green Hornet came on television it was still Superman that held the number one spot in the hero rankings. Superman was a happening kind of guy who stood for truth, justice, and the American way. He not only had physical strength but strength of character. You could always count on Superman to do what was right and to be there when you needed help. Every night at 6:30 on channel 11 (now on Nick at Night) he would display his powers. In one episode he helped guide a surgeon's hands with his x-ray vision to restore sight to a blind girl and then flew her around the world in his arms. In another episode he saved the Earth from certain destruction from a giant meteorite. If he didn't, you wouldn't be reading this. Nothing could harm Superman. Nothing. Well, almost nothing. Kryptonite was the only substance that could harm the Man of Steel. Oddly enough, it came from his own planet Krypton.

An ounce of prevention

I remember the days of my youth with a bath towel around my neck. I could defeat the meanest of the bad guys and make them beg for mercy. And if my brother didn't play along I would cry to my Mom. Nothing could hurt me except maybe when the bath towel got caught on a doorknob. But I must face the fact that, to the disappointment of many of my colleagues, I am not Superman. I am a mere mortal. It was Kryptonite that robbed me of those superhuman powers and abilities. Some may call it burnout. But it was Kryptonite.

How many of you reading this article think that you have super powers? You may laugh, but sometimes we act as though we think that way. But if we abuse our bodies enough we will soon be without certain abilities that one would expect from mortal man. Why?

It's a simple analogy. The human body can take only so much abuse before homeostasis is affected. Homeostasis is the delicate balance within the human body that allows us to handle a variety of stressors. What might be another word for stressor? Kryptonite!

Kryptonite comes in many forms. It can come from our own planet. It can come from within ourselves. Kryptonite will disguise itself as too little sleep, too much coffee, too much refined sugar, too many smokes, too much alcohol, too many classes, too many assignments, too many tests the same week, too little exercise, too many hours at the job, too many kids, too much food, too little food, changing jobs, losing a job, losing anything of value, injuries or illnesses, financial difficulties, conflicts with family or friends, and most importantly, too little time for yourself. That last item is how Kryptonite caught up to me.

I was working almost full time, managing a family, working odd hours, carrying a heavy load at school, too little sleep, a poor diet, too much coffee, and too little time for myself. I didn't take good care of myself. The overpowering effects of Kryptonite began to catch up to me about two years ago as I was trying to finish my baccalaureate degree. It was difficult to concentrate at times. I wasn't very excited about my career goals and I really could not focus on my immediate objectives. I knew what my long term objectives were, and still are, but it was difficult to stay motivated. My friends could see I was pushing too hard. One very close friend warned me about it. She was right. No, I didn't lose my mind, although that may be an arguable point with some. But I kept pushing too hard for too long. One day I sat down and was able to remove myself from what was going on around me. I finally realized that my homeostasis was out of balance. It was stress, also known as Kryptonite, that had robbed me of my strength and abilities.

It always seems that someone else can see "it" coming before "it" hits you square in the head. Sometimes we all get a little bull-headed and think we're Superman. But don't make that mistake. Set a steady pace to finish the course. There's no need to hurry. The tortoise beat the hare. Put together a schedule and live by it. Plan your work and work your plan. And as you move along the garden path of your degree objective you will see weeds and flowers along the way. Just remember to take time and smell the roses.

I have a lot of neat stuff we're going to talk about this year. It'll be a lot of common sense you can use around the house sort of stuff. If you have any areas of particular interest or questions contact me throug my e-mail address at NurseBob@Juno.com or call the Chronicle.

You know, I was just thinking. If nothing can hurt Superman, except Kryptonite, and it was Kryptonite that robbed me of my strength and abilities, then, YES, I MUST BE SUPERMAN! Just call me Clark.

And remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

PUC wellness center wishes you a wealth of good health

BY DIANE MITRO
Staff contributor

The Purdue University Calumet Wellness Council would like to welcome studcnts and employees to a new school year. This year we are proud to announce that PUC now has a Wellness Center where students and employees can obtain information on a wide range of health and wellness related issues. The wellness staff is here to encourage and help students and employees lead an active and healthy lifestyle by offering a variety of health related resources that are available to students and employees on an on-going basis as well as numerous activities that will be presented on campus through out the school year.

These resources and activities are designed to help students and employees become better educated about wellness issues as well as to be able to make healthier choices in their daily lives.

Wellness Resources and Activities

Some of the resources available are; The total fitness center, weight room, aerobics classes, and the wellness and fitness seminars. Along with these resources, the wellness center offers the following programs;

- Fitness checks,
- Blood pressure screening
- Peer education
- Health screening
- Cancer education
- HIV/AIDS education,
- Body fat analysis
- Weight management
- Cholesterol education
- Alcohol and Drug education
- First-aid and safety training
- Blood drive
- Stress management,
- Flu shots
- Health fairs.
- Nutrition & exercise education

If any of these types of activities interest you and you would like to see more of these activities on campus the Wellness Council is looking for student representatives who would help to shape, plan and promote wellness activities on the PUC campus. If you are interested in becoming a student representative for the Wellness Council please call the Wellness Center at 989-2188.

A Wellness invitation

We would like to send a special invitation to all students and employees to come by the wellness center located in the Physical Education and Recreation building room 130, and ask us about any of the wellness programs to receive a wellness package. If you say the wellness phase of the month "The Greatest Wealth is your Health" you will receive a bonus on top of the wellness package. So stop by the Wellness Center before August 31, 1997 to discover what the Wellness Center has to offer.

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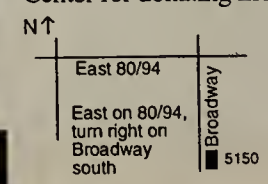

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PUC policy changes need a chance for student involvement

It is a new school year and as with everything new there are changes. You may have noticed one of these changes when you paid for school this year. It is the elimination of student parking passes. The university, of course, decided that it would be best to just add the parking fee to our student service fee.

You may have read about the proposed plan in the last regular issue of The Chronicle. The poor timing of the parking plan announcement is the first problem. Why was this major policy change explained to the student body at the very end of the semester? Was this *really* the only time to announce the proposal. The Chronicle does not reach every student on campus. Also, the timing of this announcement put the student body at a disadvantage. At the end of the semester everyone was trying to focus on finishing the school year and finals.

Next, the plan was presented to the Board of Trustees after the spring term had ended. By this time anything to do with the university was far out of the minds of a most students. This once again puts the student body at a disadvantage. A group of students are going to have a hard time organizing any kind of protest when a majority of the student body is not on campus.

In addition to the poor timing of the parking proposal, where was our student representation? Student government is supposed to be the voice of the student body but it sounds as though that voice was not heard. We did not hear about the plan to change the parking policy or much else from the student government last semester. Once again the university dictates and we just go along.

As usual, it is easy to place blame. However, all of the blame cannot be placed on the student government or the university. We should all look at what we do to become aware of important issues on campus. For some it is not very much. We all have the power to know what is going on with this campus and we all need to take a more active role in matters such as this.

The small percentage of students who do not drive have reason to be upset with the new parking plan. The entire student body should be upset with the manner in which the new parking plan was implemented and get involved in the future decision making processes.

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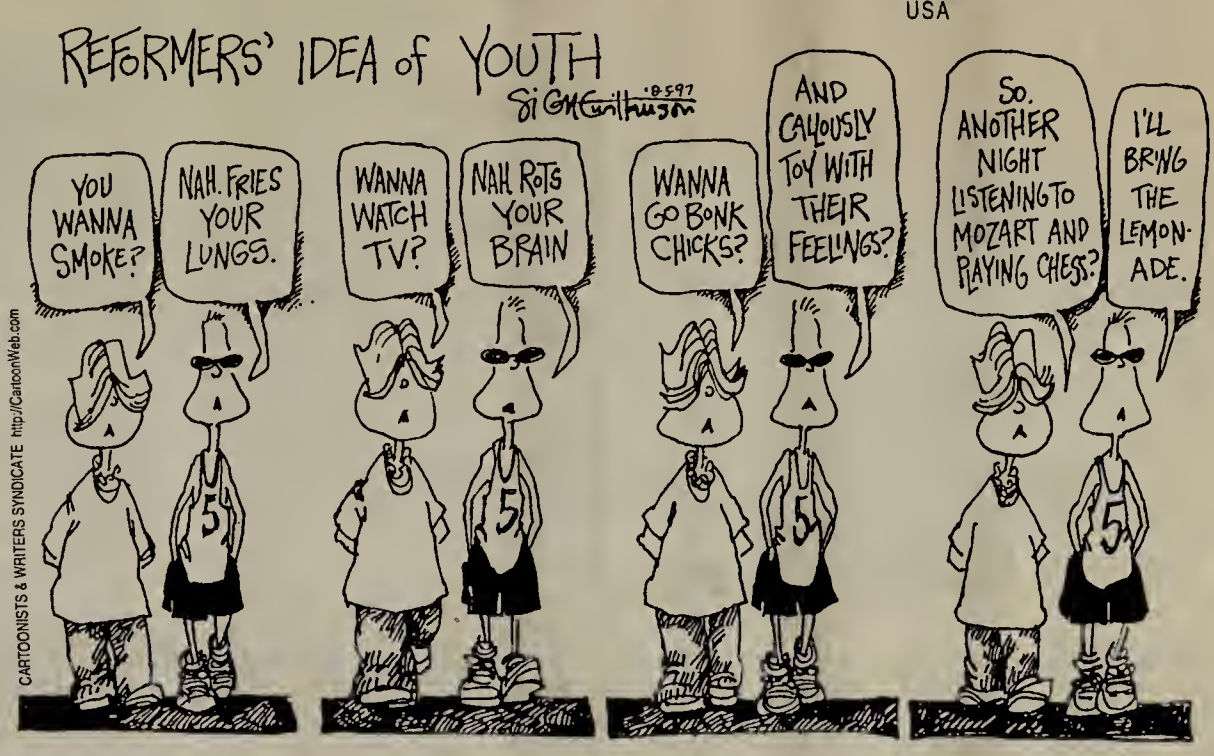
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Conservative criticism is hypocrisy

View from elsewhere

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IOWA CITY—Some days it's hard to figure out which is ultimately sillier: the crop of movies that Hollywood has blessed us with this summer or the sight of conservative, middle-class white males whining and moaning about being victims of discrimination because of affirmative action. The movies are predictable, formula-driven bits of fluff with no discernible redeeming social value; their story lines are as fresh as the front-page headlines, if that front page happens to be from July 1959; and tens of millions of dollars were spent to make them seamlessly forgettable—all of which makes them virtually indistinguishable from the politicians we've elected.

But conservative white males and affirmative action. Pul-leeze. I mean you're making the whole lot of us white males look like crybabies, which is not what I think the pop-psyche folks had in mind when they urged men to get in touch with their inner-child.

The conservatives would have you believe that they're only against affirmative action in the interest of fairness and justice. A level playing field is all they ask for. That they manage to say all this and keep a straight face would be scary if it weren't so pathetic. You have to wonder what history books they've been reading lately.

This country has seen 300-plus years of white male fairness and justice, and during a great portion of that time, black people were slaves and women were denied the right to vote, just to pick a couple of the high points. I wouldn't go so far as to say that American white males, in the past, have been to fairness and justice what the Spanish Inquisition was to religious tolerance, but it sure is tempting.

But, the conservatives would say, it's not fair to attempt to redress the imperfections of history by discriminating against white males today. The, almost without fail, they start bandying the words "quotas" and "preferential treatment" around like a mantra. Quotas are unjust. Preferential treatment is somehow un-American.

That is a real hoot. Quotas and preferential treatment are more American than apple pie. Take the U.S. immigration policy—it's based on quotas and has been for decades. My grandmother barely squeezed into this country under the Irish quota, and that was more than 75 years ago. Preferential treatment? Who has a better chance of getting in: a British scientist or a Somali refugee? Duh.

Or take college admissions and affirmative action, a particular conservative bugaboo. In the conservative world, preferential treatment for women and minorities is so sinister it's practically Marxist. On the other hand, preferential admissions for the wealthy or for the children of alumni is so American it must be in the Constitution somewhere. It's merely coincidence, of course, that most of the wealthy and children of alumni tend to be white.

It's also common for universities to discriminate on the basis of geography. As the "New Yorker" noted two years ago, "Elite colleges . . . routinely seek geographical diversity in their student bodies, turning down better-qualified applicants from Brooklyn or Brookline to make room for a North Dakotan."

Then there's preferential hiring. If it's done on the basis of affirmative action, conservatives scream like a stuck pig, which is not to suggest that conservatives are pigs. I like pigs. But if there's preferential hiring on the basis of class, well, that's normal. Derek Bell, a visiting law professor at New York University tells this anecdote about one of his conservative white students. "....he was deeply suspicious of any black who got a job the student wanted. But if a white who benefited from being born into an upper class family go the job—hey, that was OK."

The conservative position on affirmative action is a wonderful exercise in hypocrisy, one of the best I've seen in years. Either that, or it's social myopia carried to the point of utter blindness. A color-blind society is what the conservatives say they're after, in their warm and cuddly moments. Of course, the people who talk about a color-blind society when it comes to affirmative action are the same people who brought us Willie Horton ads when it came to electing a president.

Yeah, some days it is hard to tell which is sillier, the conservatives or the Hollywood movies. I know I prefer the movies even in all their banality—at least the movie theaters are air-conditioned.

Sensationalism detracts from positive aspects of life

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (CPS)—Life is good these days. Or did you already know that? Chances are, if you follow the news, you didn't.

Though it's a little early to start writing history, President Clinton's eight years in office might well be remembered as another Era of Good Feelings. The economy is booming and crime is down; there have been major advances in science, such as the recent Mars landing. Congress has finally proposed a balanced-budget plan, and the long-needed campaign finance hearings have finally begun.

It's a great time to live in the United States. It's a strange time to be a reporter.

Yesterday, a friend and I spent a full hour thinking up topics for my column. I eventually realized that we weren't getting anywhere because there was no news to discuss.

It seems like the rest of the media is having just as difficult a time finding things to write about. The good-news stories, like the economy, haven't gotten widespread media coverage.

So what does get covered? Bad news. The two biggest stories of the summer, so far, have been the Hong Kong handover and the Timothy McVeigh trial, along with assorted O.J. Simpson, JonBenet Ramsey and Gianni Versace updates.

So, as I wondered why there was no news, I realized that no news could indeed be good news for the media. This unexpectedly tranquil era we're experiencing is an unlooked-for opportunity. When there are no disasters to focus on, reporters have the chance to write real news stories about the everyday events that affect ordinary people's lives.

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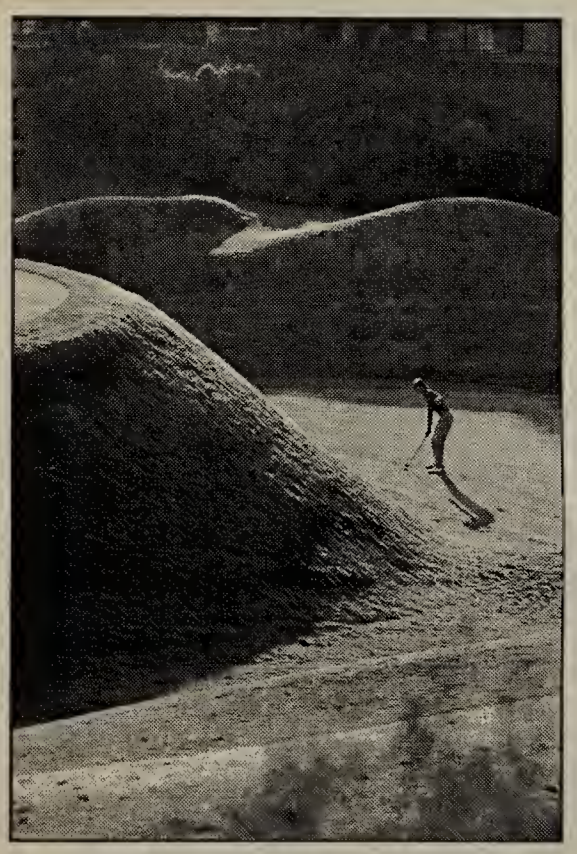

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Summertime hits and pits at the movies

BY SCOTT GONZALES
Entertainment Writer

Action ruled the movie theater screens this past summer. Aliens invaded the earth and scientists were transported to others dimensions. What would summer be without the President thwarting a raging team of terrorists?

Summer is usually the time of year when Hollywood takes that booster shot of testosterone and beefs up those explosions for us patrons. I would suppose the perfect summer film this year would have had an alien ship careening out of control only to clip the wings of "Air Force One," making the plane fall on to a prehistoric island filled with crime fighting comic book heros. But even that may be a stretch. Let's see which movies topped the box office this summer.

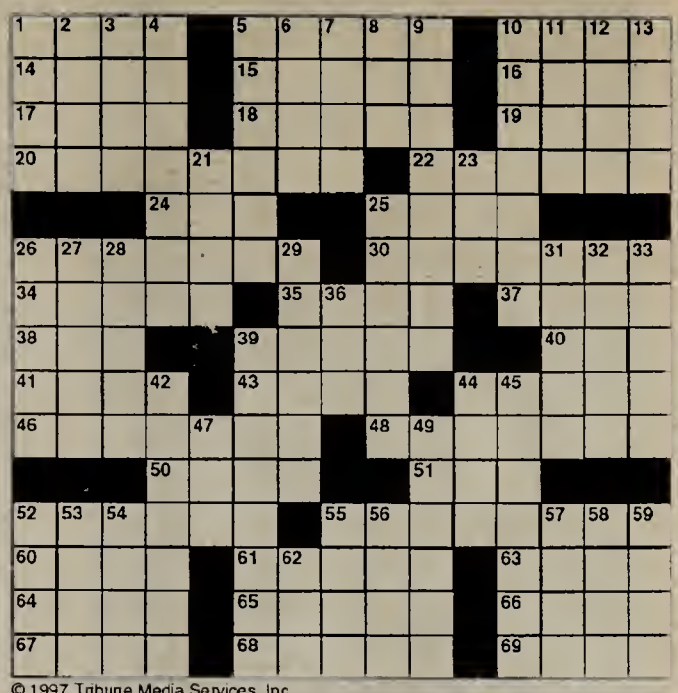
Julia Roberts

The best movie of the summer was John Woo's "Face/Off." John Woo proved to be one of the best action directors working today. But let's get to the meat and potatoes of the movie and that has to be it's stars, John Travolta and Nicholas Cage. Sure their acting was over the top and the stunts were out of this world, but "Face/Off" was a two hour and fifteen minute roller coaster ride of action.

The second best film was "Men In Black." Will Smith once again was fighting alien creatures for his second consecutive summer. He thrilled us last year with "ID4" and became a galaxy defender this year teaming up with Tommy Lee Jones. "The Men in Black" kept track of known aliens roaming the earth, interrogated creatures of the canine persuasion and best of all, left the possibility of sequel almost screaming at the audience.

"Contact" may be the best breath of fresh air to enter the summer field this year. "Contact" posed the questions of life after death, faith versus science, and did it with intelligence. It was a joy to see Jodie Foster back on the screen, and her chemistry with Matthew McConaughey was magic. Those two brought spark into every scene they were in. It was the subject of a person's faith in himself and his beliefs which sold me on this movie.

The biggest star of the summer though has to be Julia Roberts who scored not one, but two box office hits this summer. Julia played the lively other woman in the hilarious comedy "My Best Friend's Wedding" and a tough New York DA in the drama "Conspiracy Theory." Ms. Roberts showed why she is one of the highest paid actresses working today in film. Julia Roberts fills the seats, and shows the movie studios that she can bring in the money. Julia Roberts made both films a delight to watch.



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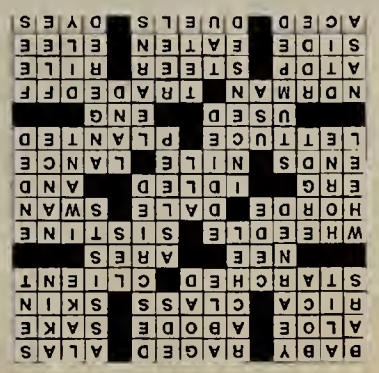


Siskel flicks picks

Flick of the week
Cop Land

★★★½

"Cop Land," starring Sylvester Stallone as the sheriff of a small New Jersey town that's been taken over by rogue New York cops led by veteran officer Harvey Keitel. He's put cop-wannabe Stallone in charge, but Keitel and his pals — including Ray Liotta and "Terminator 2's" mercury man Robert Patrick — really run the place, leaving Stallone, who appropriately looks as though he's consumed more than a few dozen doughnuts over the years, as a pathetic, powerless stooge.

Eventually, of course, Keitel's on-the-job corruption comes to the attention of internal affairs investigator Robert De Niro — yes, "Cop Land" is full of big stars — who challenges Stallone to put enforcing the law ahead of staying loyal to his supposed cop buddies.

But whether the hapless sheriff will rise to the occasion is only one of the questions raised by writer-director James Mangold, whose richly textured screenplay also touches on the Us-Against-Them mentality that is necessarily involved in police work. Mangold also brings to life the different levels of conflict among these highly strung characters: unpaid debts, old betrayals, illicit affairs.

As for Stallone, he's fine in the film, but no better than anyone else in this top-notch cast. He should have made a movie like this many years ago. As for the movie as a whole, except for a much-too-neat ending, "Cop Land" is one of the most entertaining films of the year. R. 3-1/2 stars.

Conspiracy Theory

Mel Gibson plays a paranoid New York cabbie who's sort of a Travis Bickle Lite. He, too, wants to clean up the world, but instead of aiming at pimps, Gibson's irate hack wants to shoot down government-related conspiracies. His reluctant ally is a Justice Department attorney (Julia Roberts). What I appreciated in this script is that the romantic angle between the two is held to an acceptable minimum. Director Richard Donner ("Superman," "Lethal Weapon") also manages to create some genuine tension at regular intervals as Gibson and Roberts are chased by genuine "men in black." Gibson is very good as the film opens, delivering a classic, motormouth monologue of conspiracies that's a hoot. R. 3 stars.

Contact

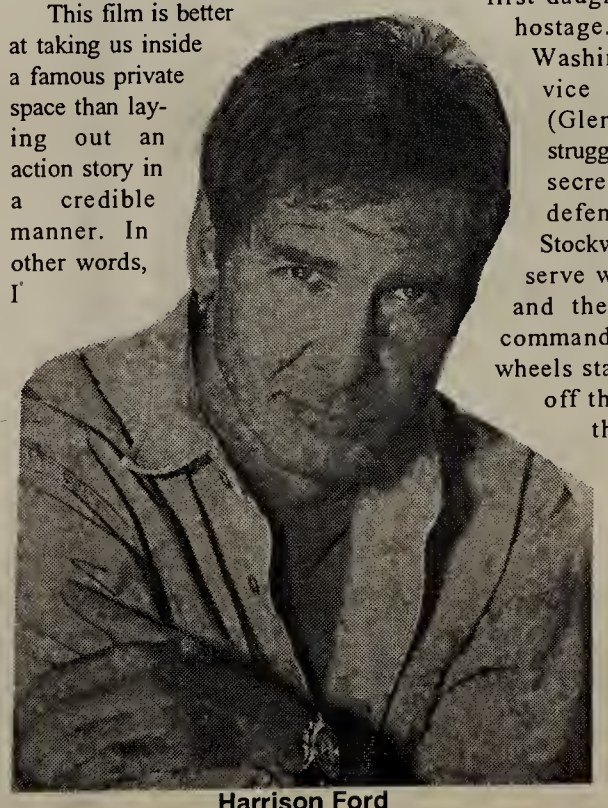
Director Robert Zemeckis, a Steven Spielberg protege, makes his version of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," substituting the intellectual rigor of Jodie Foster's persona for the frantic wonder of Richard Dreyfuss. Both films stand out from the sci-fi crowd by positing positive alien creatures instead of the standard doom-and-gloom scenario that's merely a setup for explosions. Foster plays an astronomer who has her ear to the sky as she listens for alien radio signals. When she does receive such a signal, instructing her to build some kind of machine, she finds herself center stage in a military-government nexus that would like her to go away. "Contact" almost achieves the same level of eye- popping wonder of "Close Encounters," but it is the questions the film asks that are enduring. PG. 3-1/2 stars.

Event Horizon

This is a beautifully made waste of time, a space exploration extravaganza that has impressive production design but no characters worth caring about. Laurence Fishburne plays the captain of a U.S. salvage team sent to recover a faster-than-light spacecraft designed by scientist Sam Neill. Of course, this being a science-fiction film, something else is out there, too, but neither it nor the cast members have a shred of personality, and the film remains an utterly mechanical exercise. R. 1-1/2 stars.

Air Force One

This film is better at taking us inside a famous private space than laying out an action story in a credible manner. In other words, I enjoyed the scene-setting and the glimpses of the decor of the presidential aircraft more than the preposterous sight of Harrison Ford as the chief executive in hand-to-hand combat with Russian terrorists. The story opens with the president delivering a striking anti-terrorist speech in the former Soviet Union and then getting on board Air Force One, only to have the aircraft and its passengers, including the first lady and first daughter, taken hostage. Back in Washington, the vice president (Glenn Close) struggles with the secretary of defense (Dean Stockwell) to preserve world order and the chain-of-command. Then the wheels start to come off the story, as the last act involves the president as the final line of defense against the hijackers (led by Gary Oldman). Most of the way, "Air Force One" is polished Hollywood entertainment; I just wish Ford's character had been forced to use more of his brain and less of his brawn. R. 3 stars.



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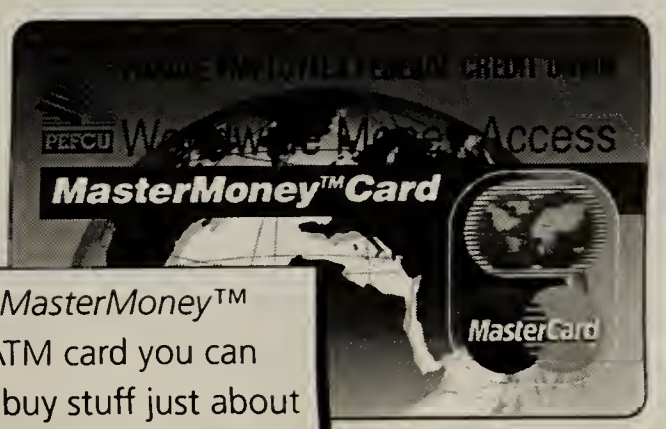

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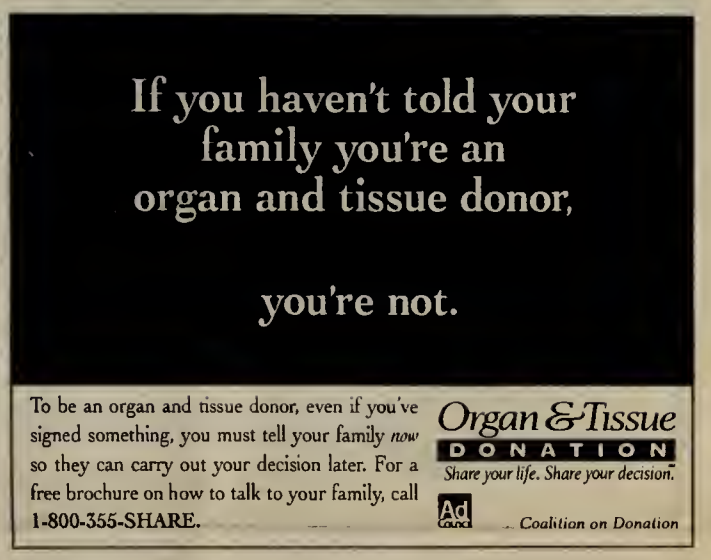
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Horoscopes

BY LINDA C. BLACK

Mercury's retrograde in Virgo this week. If you have trouble keeping track of details, dates and phone numbers, that's why. Even more interesting, the sun's going from Leo into Virgo on Friday. That means it's time to get ready for the next school year. Settle a legal matter on Monday, but don't file a complaint. Practice positive thinking on Tuesday and Wednesday, and your role at the summer playhouse. Experience wins the race on Thursday and Friday. Plan a quietly romantic weekend.

Aries (March 21-April 19). Act as the referee for battling friends on Monday. Finish chores during lunch on Tuesday so you can go out with your sweetheart that night. Wednesday morning's tough, but the rest of the day is awesome. Experience gives you the advantage Thursday night. Your luck continues through Friday morning. Put on the brakes that night. Get serious about financial matters over the weekend, and from then on.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Don't make a move without careful consideration on Monday. Your friends come to your rescue Tuesday. Wednesday morning's fun, but the afternoon's tense. Thursday evening's a strain, due to somebody else's emergency. You're rewarded for your patience on Friday. The moon in your sign and the sun in Virgo make this a very romantic weekend. Renew an old commitment on Saturday. Be lazy on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). The perfect words come easily Monday morning, completing an old assignment. Don't try to figure out an older person Tuesday. Your intuition will work better than your brain. By noon on Wednesday, your social life picks up. There are more invitations than you can accept on Thursday. Friday morning's intense, but the day cools down later. Spend the weekend at home, following through on promises already made.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Ask for money that's owed you — nicely, but firmly — on Monday. Take a romantic voyage on Tuesday. Wednesday morning's nice, but expect a tough assignment later. You'll have to jump to keep up with an impetuous professor's demands on Thursday. Try to anticipate an older person's needs on Friday morning. Your own will be met that evening. Don't invite a friend your sweetheart doesn't like on Saturday. Relax on Sunday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid a clash with your mate Monday morning. Be nice. Get money for a household item that afternoon. A shortage of cash interferes with your fun Tuesday. Love triumphs over all. A mistake could cost you on Wednesday. Be careful. Study a foreign language Thursday, with a native. Play hard Friday morning, and hand over the baton that night. Get your finances into order this weekend. Heed a professor's advice.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're outnumbered Monday morning. By that night you'll have a strong ally. On Tuesday, don't let your roommate distract you from important work. Make a date for breakfast Monday. You'll be too busy later. Help an old friend who's confused on Thursday. Study details together. The heat's on Friday morning, but you come into your own Friday night. Celebrate the sun in your sign with a trip this weekend.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have lots of options on Monday. Don't burn any bridges. Counsel a friend with a domestic problem Tuesday. Your work's interrupted by a good-looking athlete on Wednesday. You may run into your mate's old flame Thursday. Advise forgiveness. Have lunch with friends Friday to mourn the loss of Leo. The sun changes signs into Virgo that night. Do chores this weekend.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't lose your temper Monday, even if the professor deserves it. Your sweetheart soothes your nerves on Tuesday. Get more consolation Wednesday morning. The afternoon is hectic. A coed asks too much on Thursday. Luckily, you can do it. You're very creative Friday morning, but the toll is high. The sun goes into Virgo Friday night. Relax with friends and be healed. Renew on old love this weekend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You could argue with your favorite professor on Monday. You're both in a cranky mood. Let a friend talk you out of exploding on Tuesday. Study a technical subject instead. An earlier argument is forgotten by this evening. Listen, and find a creative solution. Rely on your sweetheart's advice Thursday. Make time for love Friday morning. Your workload increases that night. Don't plan anything else this weekend.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Use incoming cash to pay off debts Monday. If there's any left, buy a toy. Find the answer you're seeking in a good book Tuesday. Study Wednesday morning. The house is too chaotic that night. Make a tough decision Thursday about a roommate. Say what you think Friday morning. Couldn't hurt and it might help. The sun goes into Virgo Friday night, making your life easier. Take a romantic excursion this weekend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've got your competitor beat on Monday. Be gentle. Money flows like watter Tuesday. If you need some offer a service. Learn with an expert Wednesday. Practice on Thursday and have a breakthrough. Wrap up a tough assignment Friday morning. Stay home that night and recuperate. The sun goes into Virgo Friday. That means it's time to study Accounting. Consult your roommates on a household budget this weekend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). The pressure's intense on Monday. Pay off somebody you owe. You'll feel much better Tuesday. State your ideas boldly Wednesday. A person who's after your money on Thursday isn't worth it. On Friday, you'll start to calm down. The sun goes into Virgo that night. The coming phase is adversarial, but always interesting. Study with a partner over the weekend. You'll learn the material and strengthen your bond.